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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 28, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION, NOVEMBER 14, 2003 ADVISORY ACTION, PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND PETITION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FINALITY OF THE AUGUST 28, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the August 28, 2003 Final Office Action in connection with the aboveidentified application. A response was originally due THREE (3) months from the August 28, 2003 Final Office Action, i.e. November 28, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions for one-month extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the corresponding fee of FIFTY-FIVE (\$55.00) DOLLARS to the Deposit Account 50-1891. Accordingly, a response now is due December 28, 2003. Therefore, this response is being timely filed.